

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022**

President Hess called the City of Urbana Work Session to order at 6:00 pm.

City Staff attending: Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, Fire Chief Dean Ortleib

City Council: President Hess, present; Ms. Jumper, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Paul, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Ms. Collier, absent; and Ms. Bean, present.

Future Capital Projects Overview

Mr. Brugger passed out an outline with a summary of the capital projects proposed through 2026. That outline is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

Mr. Brugger stated that in early February of this year, the departments sat down to get a snapshot of what was planned for the City this year and in the future for the next five years. The City then put together this consolidated list of those future projects. The idea is to give Council an idea of what is coming and what we will have to start planning.

Street Reconstruction/Paving

Mr. Brugger stated that after speaking with City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, the City has the streets on the list in mind for paving in the next five years. The City will also come to Council with the additional pavement requests of Tanglewood and Lippencott. The curbs and gutters legislation typically comes before Council prior to the repaving. It's important for the City to stay ahead of the game on these projects. The City will more than likely come to Council later this year to ask for an additional appropriation of \$400,000.

Mr. Thackery asked if the section on future reconstruction projects would come after 2026. Mr. Crabill stated the process would be similar to High Street. A study would be completed before hand. This sets the way for federal grants through ODOT. The grant process typically takes four to five years from start to finish. Mr. Brugger added these aren't necessarily set in stone; it's just the direction the City foresees itself going.

Mr. Paul asked how much more the City needs to allocate for paving. Ms. Boettcher stated that the City added an additional \$400,000 last year to the original \$200,000. That's what the City will probably do again this year. Mr. Hall stated that even with last years \$600,000, it still looked like it would take 18 years to pave everything. Mr. Paul was concerned the City might not get to all of its needs. Mr. Crabill added that the City is starting to crack seal. It wasn't glamorous, but it goes a long way.

Mr. Brugger also stated that the City added 91 manholes. It was a good investment in the equipment to do the process ourselves.

Street, Traffic & Intersection Improvement/Development

Mr. Crabill stated it may be possible for a grant to pay for a large part of the N. Main St. corridor study. Burton Planning will look into how developments may tie into future developments. Mr. Crabill passed out and went over the preliminary plan for the Dugan Place development behind Walmart, including single family homes, patio homes, townhomes, and multi-family homes.

Mrs. Bean asked if Highland acts as a realtor. Mr. Crabill explained that they go out in front of developers and get everything in place, such as zoning and title. They then hand the project off to builders, but they stay involved to make sure the plan is followed. Mr. Crabill also stated that each type of property would have a homeowner's association that would all funnel into a master association.

Mr. Paul asked if there were estimates on the number of people that could live in the development. Mr. Crabill stated that the plan calls for 513 dwellings, but it was hard to know how many people would live in each dwelling.

Mr. Hall stated this new development was good to go on water availability.

Mr. Paul also asked about the timeframe of the project. Mr. Crabill stated there were still milestones to work through, but construction would probably start some time in 2023.

Mr. Crabill stated that City is waiting on the finalization of the Phoenix Ag annexation to proceed with the expansion. The acceptance will probably appear in front of Council in April, making an effective date in June.

Mr. Hall stated the City has undergone its annual evaluation for traffic control system. He is starting to notice an issue with backing plates in traffic controllers. These are a wiring nightmare. There are six to seven different traffic control boxes with racks going bad. When this happens, the box moves onto the next rack. Traffic control boxes at Walmart and Fence Street are on their fourth rack. These will need to be rebuilt. It also costs approximately \$25,000 per intersection for radar to trigger intersection lights.

Mr. Brugger stated it was time for getting into the heart of the Gwynne Street bridge to get in front of the decomposition. Eventually, the City also wants to evaluate what to do about the intersection of State Routes 68 & 55. Finally, the city will eventually need to deal with the salt barn on Taft Avenue. It was built in 1994 and the salt is starting to deteriorate the structure. Mr. Hall added that it would cost approximately \$250,000 for a new barn. A new roof alone would have cost \$73,000. Mr. Hall stated that knowing there are structural issues, it doesn't make sense to keep putting money into it.

Mr. Paul asked if the street department was doing anything about graffiti. Mr. Hall stated that all graffiti in the City was painted over last year. When the weather breaks, the department will go after the new graffiti.

Mr. Paul also stated that he would like the City to ponder what to do about parking issues restricting vision at some stop signs throughout the City. Ms. Jumper added that when High Street gets finished, she would like something to prevent people parking all the way up to the stop sign. Mr. Crabill explained that all intersections will be different, with each one being rebuilt. Some bump outs will be added to prevent the parking.

Water

Mr. Hall stated that the City was out to bid on water loop and booster station for just the piping. This project would be broken into two phases. The City is trying to get ahead of the paving on Dellinger Road. The booster station reduces high pressure zone and helps with redundancy if pumps go down.

Mr. Brugger explained that the contract was going to resolve on the GAC on Old Troy Pike here shortly. After this, the City will hold ownership and it will cost approximately \$100,000 a year to operate.

Mr. Hall also explained that Eichelberger Drive was a challenge. He passed around photos to show the water/sewer hook. The City would have to bring the sewer around to the front of the house.

Sewer

Mr. Hall stated that sewer lines need to increase along N. Oakland Street from 8" to 12". Trutec has asked for increased capacity. He said it was necessary to get the sewer taken care of before the paving.

The Boyce Street project has been pushed back to about 2024 to see impact from Scioto street. This project will be about nine feet deep.

The Dugan Place sewer line will tie into East Court street, which is the interceptor line.

Stormwater

Mr. Hall stated that 12" pipe is currently \$25 per foot. It costs \$40,000 for just material and fuel. He also stated there had been issues with drainage and street conditions on W. Ward Street.

Mr. Crabill stated the Court Street bridge did get a grant from ODOT.

Economic/Community Development

Mr. Crabill stated the Q3 Covenant not to sue for West side was just delivered to OEPA. The City already has the covenant for the East side.

Also, he stated curb ramps will go out for bid 2nd or 3rd quarter of this year.

Airport (Align with FAA ACIP & Local Funding)

Mr. Brugger stated there were potential for additional grants that aren't typically granted from the FAA as long as it's for public use. The FAA won't fund anything unless asphalt work up to date. Currently, the last inspection from ODOT is 2013. ODOT can't find data, and almost all of the asphalt is showing green. As long as all data is green from ODOT, but may find data or re-update their records.

Mr. Brugger also stated the issue with expansion of the runway is trying to prove that extra length would be used.

Fire

Chief Ortleib explained that bids for the new medic will be received April 1st. The City is hoping the price will be under \$325,000. He also explained the earliest delivery would be 400 days while it could be up to two years out. Ford is having a lot of production problems currently. He also explained the City will potentially look into a new aerial. The magic number is 25 years. The vehicle becomes eligible in November. He stated the basic model would be 1.4 to 1.7 million dollars, and the City is looking into appropriate grants.

Park

Mr. Brugger stated the tennis courts will be resurfaced. This comes after negotiating a deal with the original installer.

Mr. Crabill also stated the Natureworks grant will resurface the drive between pool and playground. The parking lot by tennis court will also be completely asphalt. Finally, the grant will allow for the creation of three new pickleball courts.

Mr. Hall stated the City is working on paving in front of maintenance area and also repairing spots by soccer fields.

Mr. Paul asked if the Everybody Plays playground is done. Mr. Brugger stated the first phase has been completed. There are two more phases in the plan, but the City's involvement was only with the first phase.

Mr. Bean wanted this meeting to show the vision that the City has. He felt it was important for Council to see everything that is going on.

Mr. Thackery thought it would be nice to have a work session like this during the first quarter of every year.

WORK SESSION COMPLETED AT 7:25 p.m.


NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

April 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.





Council Clerk



Council President

Urbana City Council Work Session – 3/22/2022Future Capital Projects Overview

***Note: The information below is for discussion purposes only. Dates and directional scopes are subject to change.**

- **Street Reconstruction/Paving:**

- S. Main St. paving (Washington Ave. to Pearce Place) – 2022
 - ODOT Urban Resurfacing Program (City shares in cost)
 - *Additional paving for '22
- Miami St. paving (Walnut St. to Edgewood Ave.) – 2023
 - ODOT Urban Resurfacing Program (City shares in cost)
 - *Curb, Gutter, etc. ahead of project
- S. High St. (Miami to Rte. 55) Reconstruction – 2023 into 2024
 - Combination of grants and local funding
- N. Main St. paving (Washington Ave. to Corp. Limits) -- 2025
 - ODOT Urban Resurfacing Program (City shares in cost)
 - *Curb, Gutter, etc. ahead of project
- N. Oakland St. paving (Miami St. to North Corp. Limits) – 2026
 - ODOT Urban Resurfacing Program (City shares in cost)
 - May include some sewer work (see below)
- Future Reconstruction projects for scope & timing
 - Listed in no particular order
 - W. Light St. upgrade (N. Main St. to Oakland St.)
 - N. Main St./*Grimes Circle & Grimes Ave.
 - *To be tied to water main project
 - Bloomfield Ave. (N. Main St. to E. Lawn Ave.)
- Other/Misc.

- **Street, Traffic & Intersection Improvement/Development:**

- N. Main St. Corridor Study (Proposal in-hand)
- Burton Planning Services – Northeast Area Concepts Proposal (2022)
- Tie-in to the West with Highland's Dugan Place development?
- Phoenix Ag. Expansion (Norwood Ave.)
 - Awaiting finalization of annexation
- Trail Crossing at N. Main St./Fyffe St./Laurel Oak and Miami St./Depot
 - Awaiting grant notification
- Traffic Control
 - Evaluate replacing signal pre-emption system (Opticom failing)
 - Evaluate against outdated (22 yrs. old) traffic control system (in-process)
 - Evaluate radar vs. optical vs. in-ground loop system (re-use pedestal heads, signal heads)
- Refurbish Gwynne St. bridge (Rocker bearings, re-coat structural steel, etc.)
- Intersection at U.S. Rte. 68/Ste. Rte. 55
- Other/Misc.

- **Water:**

- Water loop & booster station -- 2022
 - 12" water from Dellinger Rd. to tie-in w/ high pressure on east side
 - New booster station @ Children's Home Rd.
 - Replace booster station @ Finch & Water St.

Water (cont'd)

- New water tower siting on east side – TBD
 - Old Troy Pike (assume ownership of GAC) -- 2024/2025
 - Media change-out is approx. \$75K
 - Operational impact of approx. \$100K/yr.)
 - Phase 3 Water (Approx. North of Dellinger Rd.)
 - Scope includes Grimes Circle & Grimes Ave. (Target date TBD)
 - Tie-in with Paving project
 - Phase 4 Water (Approx. Taft Ave. north to Twain Ave.)(Scope & date TBD)
 - Future Phase to include Eichelberger Dr. (including sewer)
 - Other/Misc.
- **Sewer:**
 - Upsize N. Oakland St. sanitary sewer (Miami St. to North Corp. Limits)(from 8" to 12")
 - Boyce St. expansion/replacement (E. Lawn to Jefferson)
 - Future Phase to include Eichelberger Dr. (including water)
 - Other/Misc.
 - **Stormwater:**
 - Nova Dr. connection between Eastview Dr. & New Haven Dr. – 2022
 - W. Ward St. connection between Oakland St. and Rohrer St.
 - Railroad St. extension -- Target for 2023 (Applying for CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant)
 - Ph I: Union Alley north to Pindar St. (West side of RR)
 - Ph II: Pindar St. north to W. Light St. (East side of RR)
 - W. Court St. Bridge (Target 2025)
 - Other/Misc.
 - **Economic/Community Development:**
 - Q3 West – Covenant Not to Sue (CNS) awaiting final OEPA approval
 - New curb ramps in 1st & 2nd Ward (S. Walnut St. & Reynolds St. area)
 - 73 curb ramps (CDBG \$118K)
 - Siemens Property
 - **Airport: (Align with FAA ACIP & Local funding)**
 - Taxi-lane re-surfacing (2022/2023)
 - Grimes Hangar renovation -- TBD
 - Terminal Upgrade – TBD
 - Runway extension to 5,000 ft. -- TBD
 - Other/Misc.
 - **Fire:**
 - Training Tower Demolition
 - Replace concrete apron @ E. Market St.
 - Incorporate drainage control
 - New medic (replacing Medic #2) – 2022/2023
 - New Aerial (Grant 90/10 split) -- 2024/2025
 - Other/Misc.